

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 7.

Amend claims 1 - 6 and 8, 9 as follows:

1. (Once amended) Panel loudspeaker comprising

[with] at least one sound radiating panel having a core layer [13] and at least one cover layer connected with the core layer [14o, 14u],

[with] a periphery [12] that surrounds the [panel loudspeaker 11] at least one sound radiating panel with a lateral gap [A], and

[with] at least one connecting element [elements 17, 17'] that [connect the panel loudspeaker 11] connects the at least one sound radiating panel with the periphery [12], [characterized in that]

wherein the at least one connecting element [elements 17, 17' are] is under mechanical tension when connected with the periphery [12], and

wherein regions of the at least one cover layer that are connected with the core layer are also under mechanical tension.

2. (Once amended) Panel loudspeaker according to claim 1,

[characterized in

that] wherein the at least one connecting [elements 17, 17' are] element is formed by the at least one cover layer [(s) 14o, 14u] of [the] respective [panel loudspeaker 11] sound radiating panel in that at least one of the cover layers [14o, 14u] of the respective sound radiating panel [loudspeaker 11] extends to the periphery [12].

3. (Once amended) Panel loudspeaker according to claim 1 [or claim 2,

characterized in

that], wherein the periphery is formed by a frame [19].

4. (Once amended) Panel loudspeaker according to claim 1 [or claim 2,
characterized in

that], wherein the periphery [12 of a panel loudspeaker 11] is formed by at least one additional panel [10].

5. (Once amended) Panel loudspeaker according to claim 1 [or claim 2,
characterized in

that], wherein the [respective] at least one connecting element [elements 17, 17' are] is provided with a tension [strips 20] strip/disposed on [the] a marginal [edges 24"] edge of the at least one sound radiating panel that [are] is connected with the periphery [12],

[that] wherein the periphery has edges [21] that are contacted by the tension [strips 20] strip when the [panel loudspeaker 11] at least one sound radiating panel is connected with the periphery [12], and

[that] wherein for a sound radiating panel [loudspeaker 11] that has not yet been connected with the periphery [12], [the] distances [A'] between [the] a respective tension strip [strips 20] and [the] coordinate lines [x, y] extending through [the] a center of [the] a respective sound radiating panel [loudspeaker 11,] are smaller than [the] distances [A"] between the edges [21] and [the] coordinate lines [x, y] that also extend through [the] a center of the periphery [12].

6. (Once amended) Panel loudspeaker according to [one of the claims 1 to 5,
characterized in

that] claim 1, wherein the sound radiating panel [loudspeaker 11] is a bass panel adapted to reproduce low-frequency sound.